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THE SAINT KING'S CRADLE...?
CORRECT.
IT SEEMS THE SAINT KING ALLIANCE HAS ANNOUNCED THEY WILL CARRY OUT THE "CRADLE ACTIVATION."
ALSO, THE CANDIDATES FOR THE "KING OF THE THRONE" ARE BEING CONVENED IN THE SAGERBRECHT HOUSE.
I SEE—

WELL... "IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT IT," IS IT?
THEY HAVEN'T COME TO COLLECT LADY VIVI FOR THE ASSEMBLY YET, BUT...
FOR ONE, I'M SURE THEY'RE ATTEMPTING TO MUSTER STRENGTH TO OPPOSE UNJUST ACTS OF AGGRESSION... AND IF THAT IS THEIR AIM, THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHERS WE CAN SEND, GRANTING THE NAME OF CANDIDATE IF WE MUST.
FATHER... HIS MAJESTY ACKNOWLEDGES HER VALOR AND CHARACTER AS WELL.
ALSO! I JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT OLIVIE HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A BAND OF KNIGHTS!
...OH MY!

SHUTRA IS AN ALLIED STATE TO THE SAINT KING CLAN. THAT OLIVIE IS HERE IN SHUTRA IS A LINK THAT BINDS THE TWO.
ABOVE ALL, SHE IS BRINGING MARTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENT TO US. DECORATED WITH AN ANCIENT WEAPON OF WAR, SHE IS CLIMBING THE RANKS, SO THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
I-IS THAT RIGHT ? THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY, IS THERE?
KU KU
AUGH!
IT'S ALL RIGHT... SHE AND ALL OF YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY HERE FOREVER!

IF SO, PASS ALONG WHAT I SAID TO HER.
NOT YET... BUT I IMAGINE IT WILL REACH HER EAR EVENTUALLY.
HAS OLIVIE CAUGHT WIND OF THIS YET?
THE SAINT KING OF THE CRADLE . HUH?
ALL OF YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
THANK YOU SO MUCH~! I'LL DO JUST THAT!

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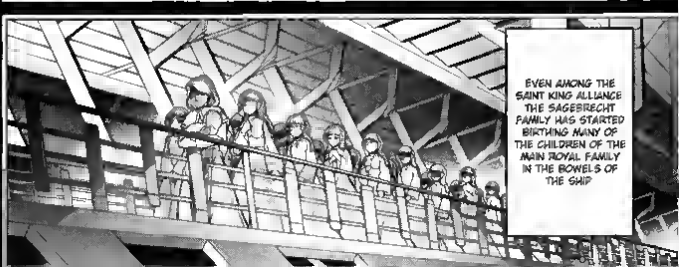
★[King of the Throne]★

HALF A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE SAINT KING CLAN ANNOUNCED THE ACTIVATION OF THE "CRADLE" WITH NOTHING NOTEWORTHY OCCURRING

IT'S SAID THAT THOSE WINGS MEANT TO FINALLY TAKE US TO THE SEA OF STARS ALSO HOLDS THE POWER TO SEAR AWAY THE LAND
I'M SURE THIS HAS MUCH TO DO WITH THE GIANT BATTLESHIP SLUMBERING BENEATH THE SAINT KING CLAN'S HOMELAND


EVEN AMONG THE SAINT KING ALLIANCE THE SAGEBRECHT FAMILY HAS STARTED BIRTHING MANY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE MAIN ROYAL FAMILY IN THE BOWELS OF THE SHIP

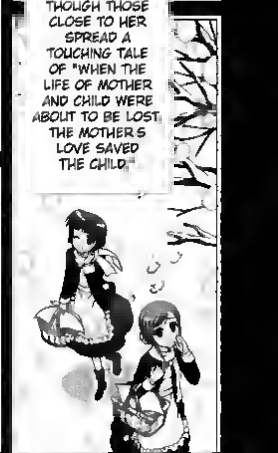
"CHILDREN BORN WITHIN THE CRADLE" THEREFORE BEAR THIS SAINT KING CORE AS TESTAMENT.
AT THE SAME TIME THEY'RE BORN, A SUPPLEMENTAL MAGIC CORE KNOWN AS THE "SAINT KING CORE" IS EMBEDDED INTO THEM.
AND ABOVE ALL, IT IS USED TO DENOTE THOSE GRANTED THE POWER TO OPERATE THE CRADLE AS THE "KING OF THE THRONE."
BECAUSE OF THIS, THOSE OF THE SAINT KING CLAN'S BLOODLINE HAVE THE BODIES OF TITANS AND ENORMOUS MAGICAL POWER.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE REASON LADY VIVI LIVED DESPITE HER HEALTH IS,
FOR SOMEONE WHO LOST BOTH ARMS AND SUFFERED DAMAGE TO THEIR MAJOR ORGANS, FURTHER INJURY WOULD NOT RESTORE THEM TO HEALTH.
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S JUST AS SHE SAID! IT'S THANKS TO HER LINEAGE AND THE SAINT KING CORE.
ALTHOUGH LADY VIVI'S MOTHER PASSED AWAY GIVING BIRTH TO HER,
IT'S A BIT OF A DIGRESSION, BUT THERE IS A SMALL MYSTERY TO LADY VIVI'S SAINT KING CORE.

THERE WERE HEARTLESS INDIVIDUALS THAT CLAIMED "SHE WAS A DEMON CHILD BORN BY TAKING HER MOTHER'S LIFE AND SOUL."

EVEN UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, LADY VIVI GREW UP UNKNOWING OF HER MOTHER'S DEATH.

IT'S SAID THAT THE SAINT KING CORE POSESSED BY HER MOTHER WAS ABSORBED BY LADY VIVI'S BODY AT THAT


THOUGH THOSE CLOSE TO HER SPREAD A TOUCHING TALE OF "WHEN THE LIFE OF MOTHER AND CHILD WERE ABOUT TO BE LOST, THE MOTHER'S LOVE SAVED THE CHILD."

IT'S ALSO BEEN SAID THAT AFTER BEING TOLD "YOUR MOTHER IS FURTHER INSIDE THE CASTLE," SHE ROAMED THE HALLS IN SEARCH OF HER.
AT ANY RATE, LADY VIVI GREW UP STRONG.
SO MY BELOVED FRIEND CAN SMILE... I HAVE SWORN TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO PROTECT HER PEACE.

YES.
KNOCK
KNOCK
JEREMIAH! THE PREPARATIONS ARE DONE~
Hii
Kya!
UNDERSTOOD. LADY VIVI... DID YOU GO WALKING OUTSIDE?
I CAME THROUGH THE COURTYARD~
THAT SMELLS GOOD!
WHEAT AND BEANS ARRIVED SO I HAD BREAD MADE! THERE'S SALTED MEAT AND MOLASSES TOO~

DESPITE HEARING OF THE SAINT KING CLAN'S PROCLAMATION, HER EVERYDAY LIFE DIDN'T CHANGE.
LADY VIVI,
YES!
I'M SURE CLAUS WILL ENJOY IT AS WELL.
HER DAYS ARE SPENT STUDYING AND TRAINING, AS WELL AS LEAVING FOR THE FRONT WITH THE KNIGHTS WHEN AID IS REQUESTED.
IN THIS ONE YEAR, SHE HAS BEEN CALLED LESS BY HER TITLE OF "THE SAINT KING CLAN'S PRINCESS" AND MORE BY "THE LADY KNIGHT OF SHUTRA."
OLIVIE! JEREMIAH!

THE YOUNG PRINCE, BRIMMING WITH VALOR AND ADORED BY HIS TROOPS,
AND I HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH PRACTICE EITHER. SO, WHILE EVERYONE IS ON BREAK, SHALL WE HAVE A MATCH TO SHOW THEM HOW IT'S DONE?
JEREMIAH, AREN'T YOU LATE!? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE PASSING THROUGH, YOU SAID YOU'D JOIN IN OUR TRAINING!
OH, DID I? I COMPLETELY FORGOT.
AND THE STRONG, KIND, AND BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS.
AAH— SORRY
COME NOW, CLAUS! IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE AN INSTRUCTIONAL MATCH, AT LEAST WIPE THE DIRT OFF YOUR FACE!
WELL, I DON'T MIND BEING YOUR PARTNER, BUT...

THE STRONG BOND BETWEEN THE COUNTRY KNOWN AS SHUTRA AND THE SAINT KING CLAN WOULD DEEPEN EVEN FURTHER.
IN THIS MANNER, PEACE WOULD CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE— THAT IS WHAT ALMOST ALL THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY BELIEVED.
ONE DAY THE TWO WILL BE UNITED.

THAT WAS LADY VIVI'S ONE DESIRE.

JUST FOUR! AND ALL THE REST ARE MY WINS!
THIS PUTS ME AT FIVE MORE WINS THAN LOSSES, DOES IT NOT?

JUST AS WE FEARED!
AAAH! SO YOU TWO ARE FILTHY AFTER ALL!

I'LL ARRANGE A CHANGE OF CLOTHES RIGHT AWAY! AND PREPARE THE BATH AS WELL!
AAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
EVEN THOUGH LORD CLAUS HAD PLANS TO DINE WITH GUESTS AFTER THIS!

I'LL PASS. I'M NOT GOOD WITH YOUR USUAL HOT BATHS
THE BATH, YOU MEAN?
HM... JEREMIAH, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME FOR ONCE?

NOPE, NOTHING AT ALL~
...IS SOMETHING THE MATTER, OLIVIE?
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I'M USED TO IT. THAT'S ALL
COLD WATER BATHING IN THIS CHILL ? NOT SOMETHING I CAN DO

HOW SO...?
CLAUS IS AMAZING IN A CERTAIN WAY, HUH?
WHEN IT COMES TO YOU, HE HAS YET TO...
AAH... IS THAT RIGHT?
SINCE YOU KNEW, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE PASSED IT ALONG TO HIM.
NOPE, THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE IN BAD FORM.
LET'S GET YOU THAT COLD BATH AS WELL, LORD JEREMIAH.

NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SEE IT THAT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD MAKE YOU SO COLD
WHEW...! THAT FEELS GOOD~♪
I COULDN'T DO IT EITHER~
AHAHA~♪
I WONDER~? HE SHOULD'VE HAD PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUCH ME
LORD JEREMIAH
THAT SAID... FOR LORD CLAUS TO STILL BELIEVE LORD JEREMIAH IS A MAN... THAT'S JUST
AH~
HE HASN'T NOTICED~ AFTER ALL, CLAUS WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO THROW A FULL FORCE PUNCH AT THE FACE OF A GIRL!
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I SEE IT.

EVEN IF I WASN'T HERE... YOU WOULD STILL HELP CLAUS, WOULDN'T YOU?
HEY, JEREMIAH?
HM? WHAT'S THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SOMEHOW... I JUST GET THIS FEELING THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE CRADLE'S THRONE

IF THE ELECTION OF THE KING OF THE THRONE IS SUCH A DIFFICULT TRIAL, THEN I BELIEVE I SHOULD PUT MY NAME FORWARD.
HALF A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE PROCLAMATION. PERHAPS THE REASON THE CRADLE HAS YET TO TAKE TO THE SKY IS DUE TO BEING UNABLE TO FIND SOMEONE COMPATIBLE WITH THE THRONE...
PERHAPS THERE IS SOMEONE AMONG THE COMPATIBLE THAT NEEDS TO ASCEND TO THE CRADLE'S THRONE.
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LADY VIVI...

BECAUSE I'M SURE THAT THRONE WILL ACCEPT ME.
LADY VIVI! THOSE ARE NOT WORDS TO BE BANDIED SO LIGHTLY!
THAT'S... PERHAPS YOU'RE FEELING A BIT DEPRESSED BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN LITTLE GOOD NEWS REACHING OUR EARS LATELY
ON TOP OF THIS, BOTH THE PRINCE AND HIS MAJESTY HAVE SAID THAT THE ACTIVATION OF THE CRADLE IS BUT A SIMPLE THREAT. THERE'S NO NEED TO ACTUALLY ACTIVATE IT
HOW ABOUT WE GO VISIT THE CAT IN THE WITCH'S FOREST? OR, SWING YOUR SWORD AROUND FOR SOME RECREATION?
THAT'S—

I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU, NO MATTER WHAT. AS LONG AS IT'S TO LIGHTEN YOUR SPIRITS!
ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU, JEREMIAH...

I LOVED THE GENTLE PRINCESS'S SMILE,
AND I FELT TERRIBLE WHEN IT WAS CLOUDED WITH TEARS OR SORROW.
NOW, IT'S TIME FOR BED! I'LL BRUSH YOUR HAIR!
OKAY
THAT KIND PRINCESS, THAT PASSIONATE PRINCE,
AND OCCASIONALLY THAT CAT WITCH
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD CONTINUE THIS TIME TOGETHER.

THE WITCH'S FOREST IS...
OOI! CAT WITCH! EVERYONE!
BUT ON THAT DAY, MERELY HALF A MONTH LATER.
CLAUS... LADY VIVI... MIAH...!

!?
HURRY! THIS'LL BE A SEA OF FLAMES BEFORE LONG!
SO YOU'RE THE ONES THAT SET THE FOREST TO FLAME ARE YOU...?
NO, THAT'S THE HEGEMON'S...!
JUST ONE YOUNGSTER...?

AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS INVASION,

I BELIEVE... WHEN THIS TIME CAME, SHE MADE HER DECISION.
UNABLE TO FORGIVE THE SAINT KING ALLIANCE'S "OPPRESSIVE THREATS,"
A PORTION OF THE NATIONS BEGAN TARGETING MEMBERS OF THE SAINT KING BLOODLINE AS WELL AS ANY COUNTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT SHELTERED THEM

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